



Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) December 14, 2009 – Meeting Summary

Attendees: Bob Berg, Bertha Eades, Glenn Eades, Cindy Jayne, Arnie Tomac

City Staff: Joel Pfundt

1. Sidewalk Improvement Program and Bicycle Facilities Improvement Program

Joel presented the proposed 3-year Sidewalk Improvement Program and 3-year Bicycle Improvement Program. Maps were provided for each program. The purpose of the sidewalk program is to encourage walking and riding transit as a safe, efficient and attractive transportation mode by completing missing sidewalk segments throughout the City of Redmond. The purpose of the bicycle program is to encourage cycling as a safe, efficient and attractive transportation mode by funding projects that design and build bicycling supportive facilities, such as paved paths, bike lane markings and bike parking. The bicycle program also funds efforts to encourage cycling through education and encouragement, such as brochures and classes.

The Committee made the following suggestions as part of the conversation on this topic:

- Looking at adding additional sidewalk along Willows Rd from north of NE 116th St to the south driveway to Physio-Control, Inc.
- Coordinating more with Sound Transit on bicycle facilities around the Overlake Transit Center where light rail is planned to have its “end-of-the-line” station as part of Sound Transit Phase II.
- Improving signage on NE 51st St at West Lake Sammamish Pkwy to help bikes cross at this intersection as part of a project that would add bike lanes to NE 51st St.
- Maintaining as many of the existing trees along NE 51st St as possible as part of the sidewalk project.

The Committee also asked about the proposal for more sharrows in the future. Staff replied that the City plans to use sharrows on streets where they are appropriate and will design streets to include bike lanes or separated facilities as often as possible.

2. Bear Creek Trail Connector, Redmond Town Center to Marymoor Park

Joel presented proposed alignment alternatives for this trail connection that were developed by City staff and a consultant for a preliminary design. The project is not currently funded for design or construction. These alternatives take into account the Bear Creek Rechannelization project, which is scheduled to be under construction next year. The two alternatives presented included a more expensive and direct route that needs a longer bridge span, and a more circuitous but less expensive route that requires a shorter bridge span. The Committee asked about doing some construction as part of the rechannelization project to prepare for the future trail bridge. This was researched and the two projects cannot be combined. A third alternative was also suggested by the Committee that would route the bridge further to the east and might further shorten the bridge span. All alternatives are being reviewed and a preliminary preferred alternative will be developed.

3. Updates

a. Sammamish River Trail Congestion Zone Improvements Update and Brochure

The City provided the Committee with the Share the Trail brochure that was developed as part this project.

b. Eastside Cities Bicycle Wayfinding Project

The City is working with Bellevue, Bothell, Issaquah and Kirkland to develop a bicycle wayfinding network that can be implemented with the grant funding provided so far. This network will cover key bicycle routes.

4. Other Business

a. Trash Containers on Sidewalks

Bob Berg mentioned that he has been working with his neighbors to encourage everyone to put their trash and recyclables in the street to be consistent with City policy as described in Focus on Redmond magazine. He has been successful in working both with his neighbors and Waste Management.

Based on follow-up with Stacey Breskin-Auer, Recycling Program Administrator, this is an area that is being emphasized more. There are ongoing issues with where to put the trash and recyclables on “garbage day”, particularly on major streets with narrower sidewalks, because the bike lane or travel lane is not appropriate either. This may be a future topic for the Committee.

b. **Idling Vehicles at Horace Mann Elementary School**

Bob Berg described a project he did with a fifth grade class to collect data on how much vehicle idling is taking place near the school. The results demonstrated that there is a significant amount of idling taking place for long periods of time. The students then developed recommendations on how to reduce the idling and did a presentation.